

REMARKS

In order resolve any potential rejection of Claims 1-6 and 10-20 under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,886, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the term of any patent issuing in relation to the present application that extends beyond the full term of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,886. As the Examiner would agree, Applicant respectfully submits that the submission of such Terminal Disclaimer effectively overcomes any potential judicially created double patenting rejection in relation to Claims 1-6 and 10-20.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all the stated grounds of rejections and objections have been overcome, and that Claims 1-6 and 10-20 are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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